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The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund Requests Public Comment on the Implementation of Non-Metropolitan Allocation of Qualified Equity Investments Provision

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Treasury Department’s Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund published in today’s Federal Register a notice soliciting public comments that will help the CDFI Fund in developing a policy to implement the statutory provision (Section 102(b)(6) of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, P.L. 109-432) that requires the Secretary to ensure that, for purposes of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program, non-metropolitan counties receive a proportional allocation of Qualified Equity Investments (QEIs).

The CDFI Fund is asking commentators to consider, among other things: 1) how the CDFI Fund should define the term “proportional”; 2) whether the desired outcome should be to provide allocation awards to applicants headquartered in non-metropolitan areas, or to applicants that intend to conduct their activities in non-metropolitan areas (without regard to where such applicants are headquartered); 3) whether the CDFI Fund needs to implement changes to its review process to achieve desired outcomes; and 4) appropriate compliance mechanisms to ensure that desired outcomes are achieved.

“The New Markets Tax Credit Program has proven to be a flexible tool for redevelopment of low-income communities, supporting business loans and investments, real estate development, and job creation in distressed communities throughout the country.

We are asking the public to comment on the provision in the statute so that we can best address the issue of investment in non-metropolitan counties under the Program,” said CDFI Fund Director Kimberly A. Reed.

Individuals can go to www.cdfifund.gov for a copy of the Federal Register Notice “Request for Public Comments”. Commentators will have 45 days to provide written comments to the CDFI Fund.

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